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2006 County Population Estimates

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For the top five fastest growing counties in Montana, more residents were born than died and more residents moved into the counties than out. However, for the bottom eight counties with the highest loss rates, both the Natural Increase (births minus deaths) and Net Migration (net internal migration plus net international migration) are negative.

Gallatin County continues its rapid growth in population and has closed the gap between it and Flathead County. Nearly 6,500 residents separated the two counties as of July 1, 2000. By July 1, 2006, Gallatin County had pulled to within 4,393 residents.

Golden Valley County recorded a surprising third largest growth rate of 12.4%. With a population of 1,150, 108 new residents produce a large impact.

Population Change between July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2006

County	Growth Rate	Increase
Gallatin	18.5%	13,090
Flathead	14.1%	10,843
Golden Valley	12.4%	108
Ravalli	11.7%	4,512
Jefferson	11.6%	1,207

Treasure County, with a population of 854 on July 1, 2000, lost 181 residents by July 1, 2006, which equates to a 20.4% decline. Sheridan County lost 658 residents for a decrease of 15.5%.

Population Change between July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2006

County	Loss Rate	Decrease
Treasure	-20.4%	-181
Sheridan	-15.5%	-658
Wibaux	-15.3%	-159
Liberty	-13.3%	-295
Wheatland	-13.0%	-300
Daniels	-11.8%	-243
McCone	-10.5%	-217
Phillips	-10.1%	-503

To view data for all counties, visit CEIC's County Estimates web page at <http://ceic.mt.gov/EstimatesCntyPop.asp>.

County population estimates are produced annually by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Bureau uses administrative data and estimates for births, deaths and net migration, based on Census 2000 population counts updated to reflect any official census corrections.

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